

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GARY JOE WORTHAM,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANDREW M. SAUL,
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:21-cv-00367-SKO

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S
APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN
FORMA PAUPERIS AND STAYING
CASE**

(Doc. 2)

ORDER

Plaintiff Gary Joe Wortham filed a complaint on March 10, 2021, along with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. (Docs. 1, 2.) Plaintiff's application demonstrates entitlement to proceed without prepayment of fees.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is GRANTED;
2. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to issue a summons;
3. The United States Marshal is DIRECTED to serve a copy of the complaint, summons, and this order upon the defendant as directed by the plaintiff. Plaintiff SHALL file the return of service with the Court;
4. The parties are hereby notified that, after service of the complaint, this action is STAYED pursuant to General Order No. 615, and there will be no scheduling order or deadlines in effect during the stay. *See* E.D. Cal. G.O. 615. The stay will be automatically lifted when the defendant files the certified copy of the administrative record, with no further order of the Court; and

1 5. The Clerk is DIRECTED to issue the Consent/Decline forms only, in addition to the
2 summons and service-related documents. Pursuant to General Order No. 615, no
3 other case documents will issue.

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5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

6 Dated: March 11, 2021

/s/ Sheila K. Oberto
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE